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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1986-87—																
May	37.7	11,457	11,097	F	46,777	43,320	479	F	499	F	29.3	27.3	173	193	May 30	15,548
June	24,608	37.2	11,844	11,037	49,007	42,944	533	514	469	469	25.3	24.0	198	203	June 27	15,783
1987-88—																
July	46.3	12,567	10,827	F	56,709	45,358	552	512	505	F	31.1	25.5	193	173	July 25	14,413
August	47.2	12,075	11,116	F	52,306	45,685	547	525	485	F	28.4	25.4	187	179	August 22	14,206
September	26,629	40.4	11,228	11,210	49,379	45,551	562	541	509	487	29.4	26.1	209	175	September 19	10,675
October	49.4	11,346	11,469	F	45,493	44,555	524	513	556	F	29.8	26.6	225	184	October 17	15,350
November	40.6	10,870	10,552	39,857	43,346	479	496	525	504	29.8	27.2	201	176	November 14	15,464	
December	26,225	30.6	11,021	11,670	37,958	44,252	445	453	532	525	25.1	27.3	190	185	December 12	15,247
January	29.7	11,510	12,354	35,567	44,345	406	414	362	530	16.9	23.2	84	177	January 9	4,267	
February	41.4	11,493	12,268	37,696	F	42,440	475	510	509	507	25.2	25.9	184	185	February 6	12,940
March	44.9	11,436	11,491	42,214	44,379	589	584	545	519	31.3	27.3	197	183	March 5	13,209	
April	35.5	11,723	12,544	38,592	42,695	495	529	499	514	24.0	26.0	168	200	April 2	14,876	
May	n.y.a.	11,771	11,442	46,948	43,422	484	474	537	521	28.5	25.6	213	238	April 30	12,605	
June	n.y.a.	11,986	11,073	F	50,610	44,303	533	529	484	28.3	26.1	228	221	May 28	14,863	
1988-89—																
July	n.y.a.	12,634	11,033	54,780	44,128	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	556	532	26.0	22.9	217	207	June 30	n.y.a.	

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (BMR). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: BMR. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketeting) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Price index manufacturing divisional base year 1986-87 (100.0)	Meat '000 tonnes	Whole milk intake by factories(h) mil. litres	Brokers and dealers receipts of table wool		Stocks(d)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1986-87—															
May	3,695	F	3,114	923	915	F	15,356	14,529	469.6	202	205	326	564	40,899	74.7
June	3,341	3,078	915	951	16,334	14,176	F	471.7	191	196	303	550	34,034	79.6	r44,664
1987-88—															
July	4,419	3,522	921	F	870	15,826	13,868	F	209	194	349	505	61,117	81.6	
August	3,739	3,361	913	951	16,509	15,169	478.3	186	198	486	491	97,670	81.9	r46,170	
September	3,628	3,285	1107	1,013	14,659	13,479	480.8	203	189	649	497	127,858	80.4	r45,994	
October	4,061	3,515	1,008	899	14,491	12,685	483.0	234	222	797	511	122,358	78.0		
November	3,987	3,434	966	871	14,312	13,382	486.8	214	216	752	507	104,412	77.7		
December	2,582	3,171	754	929	13,063	15,470	496.6	198	209	696	517	59,737	77.0	r47,246	
January	781	2,818	448	769	3,673	12,454	494.3	181	211	604	513	37,755	80.7		
February	3,324	3,298	994	885	15,279	14,096	494.4	215	219	471	532	58,638	79.1	p48,607	
March	3,465	3,078	1,069	868	15,394	13,619	501.3	235	209	399	508	60,137	79.1	48,498	
April	3,324	3,158	772	840	13,159	13,723	504.2	182	191	321	497	40,871	79.9		
May	3,305	3,116	833	817	14,792	14,153	507.0	187	182	302	519	38,798	84.2		
June	3,439	3,076	861	857	16,171	14,025	507.8	185	178	286	519	34,985	86.3	n.y.a.	
1988-89—															
July	3,866	3,169	915	F	944	15,662	14,328	n.y.a.	165	169	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0

FOREIGN TRADE

Month			Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m						Balance of Payments - current transactions \$m		
	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Exports f.o.b.		Imports f.o.b.		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100.0)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	1974-75	1981-82					
1986-87 -											
May	3,151	2,906					243		-164	-893	16,787
June	3,372	3,270	8,717	7,680	243	158.3		-208	-874	17,594	
1987-88 -											
July	2,931	3,472					245		-782	-1,344	18,512
August	3,160	3,968					247		-288	-865	19,315
September	3,081	3,398	8,516	7,553	252	158.2		-643	-1,243	19,557	
October	3,306	3,302					253		-497	-1,335	19,858
November	3,350	3,518					258		-336	-869	17,607
December	3,842	3,594	8,944	8,268	264	164.6		30	-681	17,430	
January	r3,503	2,926					268		332	-509	17,169
February	3,639	3,589					272		-149	-999	16,559
March	r3,596	3,748	9,303	8,617	278	p165.5		-378	-1,118	17,331	
April	3,588	3,096					280		254	-560	18,564
May	r3,453	r3,655					p283		-406	-1,350	19,457
June	r3,453	3,323	8,387	8,437	p282	n.y.a.		-121	-934	20,182	
1988-89 -									-1,015	-1,667	20,226
July	3,011	3,639			n.y.a.						

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc) \$a \$m												
	Total						New motor cars and station wagons registered '000						
	Current prices		Average 1979-80 prices		Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		Other new motor vehicles registered(b) '000				
Month	Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87 -													
May	4,788	4,741	4,840			1,525	1,543	552	549	29.3	28.6	6.5	6.2
June	4,583	4,861	4,886	8,134	8,363	1,474	1,543	520	554	32.6	30.3	8.1	7.2
1987-88 -													
July	4,912	5,029	4,934			1,544	1,544	557	557	32.6	30.0	7.7	6.5
August	4,676	4,970	4,978			1,514	1,549	463	559	29.1	29.1	6.2	6.2
September	4,833	5,009	5,011	8,246	8,563	1,515	1,556	520	561	34.0	32.3	6.7	6.8
October	5,123	5,025	5,036			1,611	1,566	545	564	31.8	31.9	7.1	7.4
November	5,091	5,051	5,059			1,562	1,576	577	1,569	29.0	30.7	6.4	7.1
December	7,012	5,095	5,077	r9,729	r8,574	1,874	1,587	1,136	573	37.0	35.6	7.6	8.4
January	4,802	5,078	5,098			1,549	1,597	486	576	24.9	30.2	4.8	6.1
February	4,658	5,097	5,121			r1,530	1,607	422	r576	28.8	30.3	6.7	7.0
March	5,134	5,250	5,148	r8,092	r8,569	r1,677	1,617	524	r575	35.0	30.4	7.8	6.6
April	4,947	5,119	5,179			1,606	1,625	555	r577	29.7	33.7	7.0	7.3
May	5,099	5,084	5,212			1,578	1,631	575	r580	35.5	33.8	8.8	8.2
June	5,083	5,401	5,245	8,204	8,440	1,593	1,635	562	584	36.8	33.5	9.6	8.3
1988-89 -													
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p32.9	p32.7	p8.0	p7.3

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (\$)		Index of minimum award rates of pay, full-time adults June 1985 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each Index : Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)							
	All males	All females	All	adults			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care
1986-87														
April	450.90	298.90	436.20		109.6									
May					109.6									
June					109.6	1.23	167.2	157.9	157.8	169.4	165.6	178.4	189.7	162.0
1987-88														
July	457.00	302.30	444.20		109.7									
August					109.7	1.22	170.0	160.2	159.1	172.3	168.8	181.9	192.6	163.7
September					110.2									148.7
October					110.6									
November	470.00	306.50	450.10		110.7									
December					111.7	1.46	172.9	162.2	163.8	174.4	171.4	186.7	195.9	168.4
January					111.8									149.5
February	474.90	315.30	458.80		113.8									
March					n.y.a.									
April					n.y.a.									
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	1.38	176.0	165.0	163.9	177.2	173.4	188.6	199.8	176.2
June					n.y.a.		179.0	170.4	170.1	180.8	176.1	188.2	203.0	179.2
														156.9

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units	Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units	Materials used in house building (Base year 1985-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Price indexes(a)				Private new capital expenditure(b)(c) \$ m	
					Original	Seas. adj.				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Buildings and structures	Equipment, plant and machinery
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1986-87															
April	1,401.2	1,437.6	9.2	9.5	240.7					107.9	184.8				
May	1,429.5	1,392.6	10.5	10.1	231.3					108.0	185.2				
June	1,607.7	1,443.5	11.0	10.2	286.0	4,433.4	4,365.3	27.8	27.8	108.4	186.9	1,781	1,785	3,892	3,590
1987-88															
July	1,603.6	1,557.8	11.2	10.8	206.7					108.9	187.7				
August	1,846.7	1,738.0	10.5	10.4	181.2					109.8	188.9				
September	1,615.2	1,613.6	11.6	11.0	226.4	4,844.3	4,596.8	31.0	29.4	110.2	189.6	1,951	1,950	3,461	3,504
October	1,818.7	1,786.7	12.1	11.5	228.0					110.8	191.7				
November	1,778.4	1,652.6	12.6	12.2	167.9					112.0	194.3				
December	1,727.1	1,715.1	11.8	11.9	262.8	5,061.0	5,015.1	33.4	32.6	112.9	196.2	2,399	2,096	4,091	3,884
January	1,462.0	1,971.7	10.2	13.7	170.3					112.9	195.5				
February	1,919.4	2,139.6	12.8	13.4	256.3					114.7	199.4				
March	1,825.1	1,650.8	14.5	13.0	209.2	5,352.4	5,796.6	33.2	35.8	116.1	p200.9	1,743	2,051	3,424	3,946
April	1,876.6	1,657.9	12.8	12.9	211.1					117.4	p202.6				
May	2,562.3	2,556.8	15.1	13.9	457.2					118.8	p204.8				
June	2,182.2	1,970.4	16.0	14.9	255.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	119.7	p208.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction. (c) These data are not directly comparable with estimates published prior to 10 December 1987.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks — depositors' balances (a)		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
	\$m		Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m						
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m					
<i>1986-87 —</i>													
May	50,607	50,984	46,411	46,469	46,093	45,723	844	169	73	13.25	7,400		
June	52,481	52,260	46,207	46,352	45,773	45,880	859	192	69	13.00	7,687		
<i>1987-88 —</i>													
July	53,640	53,398	46,598	46,881	46,183	45,949	1,004	191	76	12.85	5,929		
August	54,244	53,865	45,902	46,674	45,794	46,009	908	217	67	12.60	6,877		
September	55,012	54,818	45,865	46,271	46,540	46,935	1,220	258	76	11.80	5,199		
October	55,134	55,291	46,926	47,148	47,491	47,164	1,155	326	80	13.00	5,644		
November	55,969	56,152	47,567	48,223	47,574	47,684	1,162	294	76	12.35	6,735		
December	57,495	56,991	47,873	47,424	48,614	48,471	1,345	257	72	11.45	7,485		
January	56,910	57,102	47,120	47,006	47,729	47,989	850	175	61	11.35	6,494		
February	57,485	57,359	46,638	46,156	47,320	47,986	1,331	288	79	11.55	6,730		
March	57,599	57,996	47,608	46,709	47,704	47,864	1,771	390	96	10.85	8,596		
April	58,799	59,633	47,544	46,831	47,743	46,898	1,324	322	82	10.90	9,496		
May	60,150	60,582	47,026	47,172	47,526	47,155	1,610	421	101.0	12.30	9,988		
June	61,756	61,482	48,954	48,988	48,845	48,986	1,926	405	100	11.70	8,367		
<i>1988-89 —</i>													
July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	48,951	49,433	48,975	48,723	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	12.05	n.y.a.		

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(\$ million)

Quarter	Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure				
	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Private		Government		Private		Public				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
AT CURRENT PRICES																	
<i>1986-87</i>																	
March qtr	62,597	65,823	2,226	2,638	60,371	63,185	37,377	38,987	11,436	12,245	9,934	10,975	4,205	4,830			
June qtr	66,694	68,791	1,739	2,733	64,955	66,058	39,165	39,798	13,352	12,526	11,685	11,344	5,861	4,918			
<i>1987-88</i>																	
September qtr	70,411	69,866	2,444	2,820	67,967	67,046	41,016	41,218	12,271	12,714	11,907	11,763	4,235	4,663			
December qtr	76,891	71,700	5,038	2,992	71,853	68,708	44,484	41,884	13,276	12,810	13,414	12,747	4,685	4,608			
March qtr	71,106	74,310	2,539	3,474	68,567	70,836	41,417	42,986	12,364	13,246	12,136	13,369	4,018	4,633			
June qtr	73,479	76,367	2,025	3,087	71,454	73,280	43,077	43,775	14,502	13,618	14,055	13,705	5,421	4,477			
AT AVERAGE 1984-85 PRICES																	
<i>1986-87</i>																	
March qtr	54,073	56,783	2,101	2,461	51,972	54,322	31,437	32,807	10,023	10,778	8,026	8,857	3,565	4,095			
June qtr	56,449	58,212	1,435	2,423	55,014	55,789	32,465	32,955	11,706	10,909	9,344	9,075	4,922	4,130			
<i>1987-88</i>																	
September qtr	57,994	58,081	1,782	2,294	56,212	55,787	33,410	3,527	10,394	10,836	9,384	9,273	3,498	3,851			
December qtr	63,335	58,654	4,340	2,387	58,995	56,267	35,644	33,623	11,289	12,857	10,425	9,904	3,793	3,731			
March qtr	56,609	59,020	1,828	2,507	54,781	56,513	32,637	33,395	10,292	11,081	9,318	10,271	3,176	3,664			
June qtr	57,433	59,469	1,448	2,203	55,985	57,266	33,386	33,886	12,077	11,263	10,550	10,268	4,241	3,496			
AT CURRENT PRICES continued																	
													Household income (original)				
	<i>Imports of goods and services</i>		<i>Exports of goods and services</i>		<i>Wages, salaries and supplements</i>		<i>Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises</i>		<i>Companies</i>		<i>Other</i>						
Quarter	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Salaries and supplements	Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
<i>1986-87</i>																	
March qtr	11,414	12,054	10,438	10,844	31,587	33,246	8,488	9,187	14,826	15,950	31,574	50,174	10,865	39,309			
June qtr	11,830	11,935	11,107	10,889	34,570	34,293	9,398	9,826	14,722	16,851	34,566	56,274	15,885	40,389			
<i>1987-88</i>																	
September qtr	12,614	11,969	10,901	11,066	35,035	35,039	10,036	9,693	17,377	16,831	35,038	55,823	9,693	46,130			
December qtr	13,179	13,051	12,376	12,113	37,262	35,835	11,349	10,443	19,809	16,869	37,244	61,641	10,999	50,642			
March qtr	13,063	13,823	12,868	13,299	35,806	36,819	9,950	10,780	16,574	18,289	35,866	55,943	12,003	43,940			
June qtr	12,865	12,975	12,592	12,375	37,374	37,683	11,058	11,575	16,238	18,450	37,359	59,842	15,878	43,964			

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(b)**

LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed ('000 persons)				Unemployed ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate (per cent)		Participation rate (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1987-													
May	5,680.2	5,696.5	7,084.0	7,077.1	530.6	532.3	635.0	636.1	8.2	8.2	62.0	62.0	53.8
June	5,690.8	5,719.1	7,111.2	7,114.1	506.2	519.8	603.6	621.3	7.8	8.0	61.9	62.1	
July	5,771.9	5,769.7	7,157.8	7,145.3	510.9	528.7	610.2	636.6	7.9	8.2	62.2	62.3	
August	5,665.3	5,716.0	7,073.2	7,136.3	495.4	509.2	601.9	626.4	7.8	8.1	61.4	62.1	56.2
September	5,734.4	5,720.8	7,165.8	7,129.3	489.6	501.8	592.6	603.6	7.7	7.8	62.0	61.8	
October	5,751.0	5,755.7	7,156.1	7,145.2	475.6	514.6	595.2	632.2	7.6	8.1	61.7	62.0	
November	5,705.6	5,708.7	7,159.9	7,125.3	469.6	508.7	566.5	617.9	7.3	8.0	61.5	61.6	52.2
December	5,872.2	5,794.4	7,307.9	7,218.8	506.7	501.6	619.6	611.8	7.8	7.8	63.0	62.2	
1988-													
January	5,825.0	5,832.3	7,145.3	7,296.0	541.9	499.6	645.2	614.1	8.3	7.8	61.8	62.8	
February	5,845.6	5,833.6	7,219.1	7,261.7	519.8	466.6	642.8	583.7	8.2	7.4	62.3	62.2	61.8
March	5,884.5	5,859.2	7,366.1	7,310.8	493.0	467.5	642.3	588.3	8.0	7.4	63.3	62.5	
April	5,874.6	5,891.9	7,353.5	7,342.4	491.4	490.1	642.8	628.5	8.0	7.9	63.1	62.9	
May	5,854.3	5,871.6	7,326.1	7,318.7	468.6	469.6	591.9	592.5	7.5	7.5	62.4	62.3	58.5
June	5,862.9	5,892.7	7,351.6	7,354.5	459.3	471.2	568.5	584.8	7.2	7.4	62.3	62.5	
1988-89-													
July	5,913.4	5,902.0	7,357.7	7,345.0	532.2	446.2	519.3	540.6	6.6	6.9	61.8	61.9	n.y.a.

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about three-fifths of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see the Labour Force, Australia (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see Job Vacancies, Australia (6231.0).

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**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
('000 persons)**

Month	Australia												Total Govt. and Private	
	Government						State(h)							
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Commonwealth	Local	Total		
1987-														
January	1,917.5	1,537.6	792.7	465.2	515.1	147.5	54.4	117.6	3,870.2	440.2	1,085.2	152.0	1,677.4	5,547.4
February	1,953.5	1,567.7	807.0	474.0	526.9	148.8	55.1	120.8	3,939.4	441.0	1,118.6	154.8	1,714.4	5,653.8
March	1,960.7	1,579.7	808.9	477.2	524.3	152.4	54.7	121.6	3,940.6	447.4	1,141.6	155.1	1,739.1	5,679.6
April	1,979.8	1,589.5	817.6	479.3	522.5	154.7	55.4	122.1	3,971.9	441.7	1,146.6	153.6	1,741.9	5,720.9
May	1,989.6	1,604.0	822.4	480.0	525.1	155.5	56.0	123.4	4,003.8	442.1	1,155.3	155.3	1,752.7	5,756.4
June	1,991.7	1,596.7	822.2	480.2	525.3	154.2	56.8	122.7	3,987.9	442.5	1,161.2	156.6	1,760.3	5,749.9
July	2,002.3	1,626.9	821.2	487.5	524.5	153.4	55.4	121.6	4,002.4	502.4	1,133.1	154.9	1,704.4	5,792.8
August	2,002.6	1,619.4	818.0	485.9	524.0	152.2	55.0	122.2	4,034.1	436.5	1,152.1	156.7	1,745.3	5,770.4
September	2,009.0	1,623.3	819.3	485.8	523.0	151.3	54.7	122.3	4,039.8	433.4	1,158.5	151.0	1,740.9	5,788.7
October	2,035.0	1,629.1	835.2	482.4	521.4	150.4	52.3	123.2	4,089.7	432.1	1,150.6	156.5	1,739.2	5,829.0
November	2,059.7	1,639.7	843.2	487.4	528.1	151.5	52.5	125.3	4,145.9	432.2	1,152.2	157.2	1,741.5	5,887.4
December	2,065.8	1,649.2	838.8	487.4	529.1	153.1	51.4	125.0	4,161.0	432.6	1,140.0	157.9	1,730.5	5,891.6
1988-														
January	2,042.1	1,610.9	806.8	486.2	506.4	148.0	50.3	121.4	4,102.0	428.5	1,087.3	154.2	1,670.0	5,772.1
February	2,090.0	1,642.5	818.8	494.6	518.7	149.6	49.8	125.1	4,182.5	432.1	1,118.3	156.2	1,706.7	5,889.2
March	2,093.7	1,656.1	828.7	497.7	524.7	150.6	50.7	126.2	4,198.2	432.8	1,141.1	156.2	1,730.0	5,928.3

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers are collected. For further details see Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia (6248.0) and Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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